

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUPREME COURT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

O R D E R

Pursuant to Part II, Article 73-a of the New Hampshire Constitution and Supreme Court Rule 51(A)(7), the Supreme Court of New Hampshire adopts the following amendment to court rules.

Family Division Rules

1. Amend Family Division (Guardians Ad Litem) Rule, regarding certification of guardians ad litem, on a temporary basis, as set forth in Appendix A.

Effective Date

This amendment shall take effect on July 1, 2007, and shall be referred to the Advisory Committee on Rules for its recommendation as to whether it should be adopted on a permanent basis.

Date: June 27, 2007

ATTEST: _____
Eileen Fox, Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of New Hampshire

APPENDIX A

Amend Family Division (Guardians Ad Litem) Rule, on a temporary basis, by deleting said rule and replacing it with the following (additions in **[bold and brackets]**; deletions in ~~strike out mode~~):

GUARDIANS AD LITEM

~~All persons serving as guardians ad litem in the family division must be certified to serve in the district, probate, and superior courts.~~

[Certification by the New Hampshire Guardian ad Litem Board (referred to in this rule as the “Board”) in superior, district and probate courts is encouraged to ensure adequate numbers of guardians ad litem who are qualified to serve in all categories of family division cases.

At a minimum, persons serving as guardians ad litem in the family division must be Board certified as follows:

(1) For appointment in family division cases of Divorce, Legal Separation, or Parental Rights and Responsibilities, Guardians ad litem must be Board certified in the superior court.

(2) For appointment in family division cases of Juvenile Delinquency, Children in Need of Services, Abuse and Neglect, or Domestic Violence, guardians ad litem must be Board certified in the district court.

(3) For appointment in family division cases of Termination of Parental Rights, Guardianship of Minors, or Adoption, guardians ad litem must be Board certified in the probate court.]